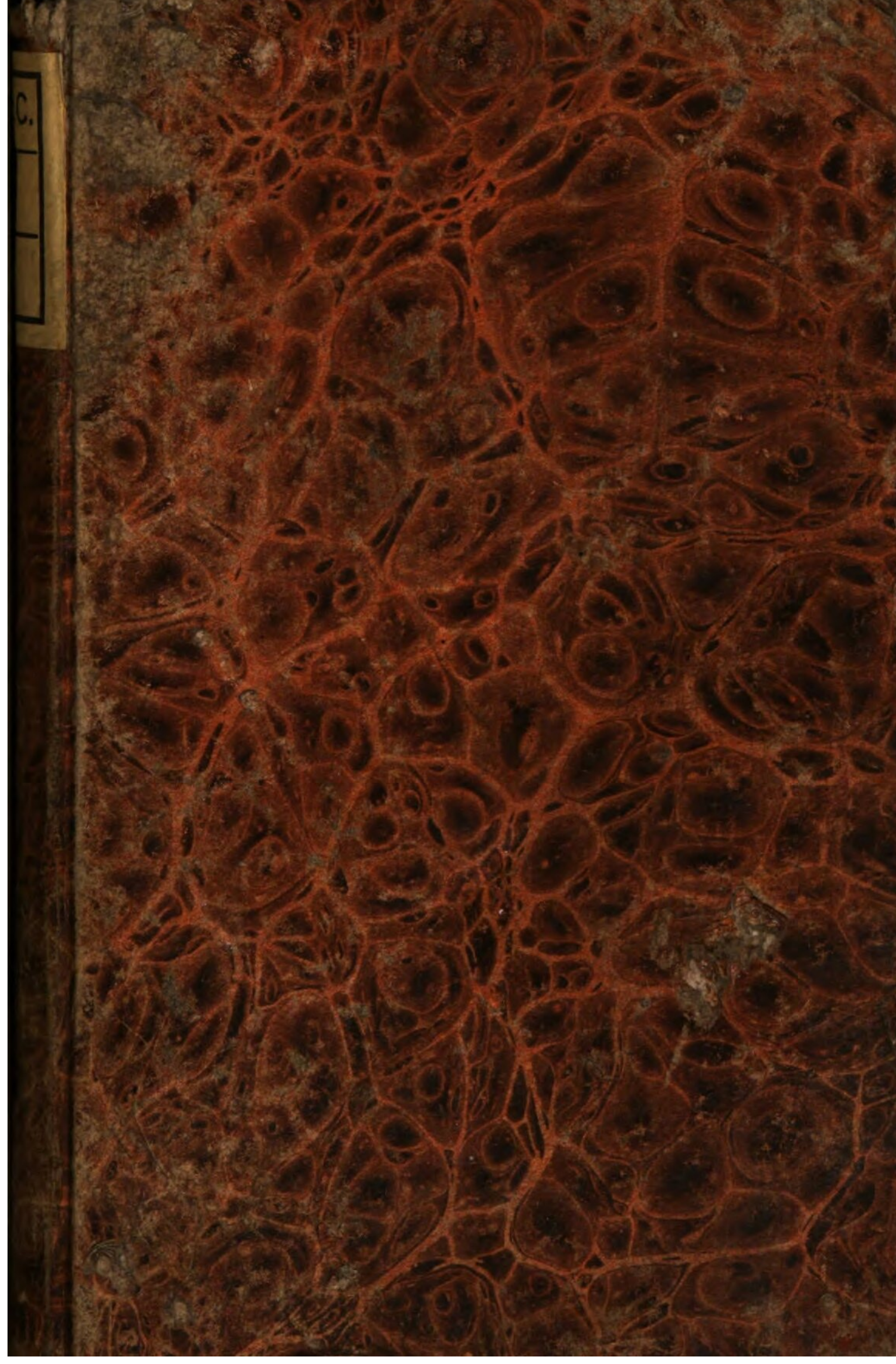




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CHARACTERS
OF THE PRESENT
MOST CELEBRATED
COURTEZANS.

INTERSPERSED
WITH A VARIETY OF
SECRET ANECDOTES

Never before published.

—Quæque ipse miserrima vidi,
Et quorum pars magna fui.— VIRG.

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DEDICATION.

T O

M R S. M — H — N.

MADAM,

THE Author of the following pages, has long wished for an opportunity to prove by some public testimony how infinitely he respects your character, and in what high estimation he has always held your manifold perfections, and numerous accomplishments.

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During an acquaintance of several years, he has had the happiness to be much in your company, and almost continually within observation, through the whole of which period he has, with all the malice of a friend, been watchfully attentive to your conduct, and he can with no less truth than pleasure aver, that he has found it uniformly consistent with the most perfect female delicacy, and frequently abounding with disinterested spirit. He has found it free from mystery and equivocal duplicity, and your conversation untainted by that abominable *grossierete* which makes every beauty detestable, and which is too invariably the propensity of those

those who have been, like you, unfortunate, but who have not such complicated treachery and ill treatment to urge in extenuation of their folly.

It is with inexpressible satisfaction he hears that your situation is not only conveniently easy, but even luxuriously happy for the present; and that the munificence of your protector, gives every reasonable cause to hope it will soon be made permanently independant.

It is an opinion which obtains among the most eminent essayists on life and manners, "that there is less merit in meeting adversity with fortitude, than in wearing prosperity with moderation." The

perfect composure and unexulting affability, with which you have born your late good fortune: is the most incontrovertible proof how well you deserve its continuance.

Your present correspondent has not the honour to be acquainted with the bountiful patron of your fortunes, the enviable possessor of your person and affections; but that he is eminently endowed with both discernment and generosity is easily visible; as the former is so clearly manifested by his choice of you, and the latter by the style of your general appearance.

PREFACE

P R E F A C E.

TH E erudite and philosophi-
cal Mr. Harris, is the only
writer I have ever encountered on
this no less interesting than exten-
sive subject. His annual produc-
tions have long met the public
approbation and patronage, and his
impartiality as long been the ad-
miration of his numberless Readers.

The accuracy of his orthogra-
phy, the flowing elegance of his

periods, the aptitude of his remarks, and the astonishing variety of his descriptions, must place him as far beyond the power of malice, as of imitation, and transmit his name and writings with unrivalled honour to posterity.

It has been well said by the ingenious Mandeville, that, "envy cannot exist, but where there is either a real, or an imaginary equality, and that a man may as easily be above as below the reach of this corroding passion." Of the truth of this observation, the inimitable
catalographer

catalographer abovementioned is a certain proof; for however greatly we may admire, however warmly applaud his performances, we feel our admiration untainted by envy, and our applause is but the debt we pay for the entertainment and instruction we have received.

Slander, malevolent abuse, and detraction, are the infallible consequences of envy; but they are never uttered by the vulgar against superlative excellence. Who has slandered Homer?—who has maligned Milton?—who does not love
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the divine Virgil?—and who shall ever read the heroic, the sublime, the elegant Harris, but with a lively recollection of the universal beauties of this matchless triumvirate. If it should be objected to me, that I have chosen unapt and improper objects of comparison for my favourite author, in as much as they are poets of the most exalted reputation; I reply, that so is Harris. What is the first great efficient quality in poets? Fiction—Did not those I have mentioned abound and delight in it?—why, so does he as gloriously as they.—

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And for the trifling deficiencies of rhyme and measure, they are surely considerations as much below the cavil of a liberal critic, as they were thought by him unnecessary to the composition of his poem; for so we may claim a right to call a work where the characters are, to an individual imaginary, and the whole of which is totally founded on fiction. Besides, the happy introduction of certain well-timed couplets through the course of his writings very sufficiently demonstrates the ability of the author for metrical composition; and must, I apprehend,

apprehend, obviate all objections on that ground.

The following pages must depend on diametrically opposite principles for their success; the simplicity of its prose, and the unadorned authenticity of its anecdotes. And as the flowery and diffusive language of Harris is well adapted to the embellishment of fiction, so does a plain and familiar style best suit the abilities of this author, and become the incontrovertible veracity of this narration.

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CHARACTERS

COURTIZANS

MRS. A—ST—D.

MRS. A. ST. D.

CHARACTERS

OF CELEBRATED

COURTEZANS.

MRS. A—ST—D.

IS the Daughter of a reputable Tradesman at Greenwich; but having a soul not formed for the dull participation of Bourgeois Society, she was not long proof against the insinuating address, and well-concerted attacks of the agreeable

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Capt. M * * * * *, a choice which reflects infinite credit on her taste, and seems to have been a happy prognostication of her future improvement. She derives from Nature that animated countenance, which we often find more interesting, and which appears to be almost incompatible with a more strict regularity of features ; and conscious that she does not require, she disdains to borrow, assistance from Art. Her person is rather inclining to tall, in the most perfect symmetry, finely turned, and, like the plumage in the peacock's neck, seems

seems to discover a new assemblage of beauties by every change of attitude.

We would say that she had made Lord Chesterfield her model for grace and easy elegance ; but the eye of every tolerable connoisseur must quickly give the lie to the derogatory suspicion, and assert her indisputable claim to originality. We are at a loss whether to attribute the dissolution of the connection between this accomplished pair to a partial or a mutual inconstancy ; or whether the irresistible figure

and well-established superiority of the elegant F—z—k obliterated every former prepossession;—but we feel her pretensions to taste, and her early inclinations to the most exquisite refinements of the highest fashion, still more strongly confirmed by her second than by her first attachment. What rusticity is so stubborn, what vulgarity so insurmountable as the conversation and example of this modern Orlando must not overcome? but where there was so great a natural propensity to *La maniere façonner*, the rapidity of the charming infection
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must be wonderful,—She quickly caught it. Her late intimacy had the same effect on her mind, as the tepid bath has on the corporeal system—it relaxed and prepared its pores for the reception of this fascinating inoculation. To speak without a metaphor; from every interview with this *belle Homme*, she seemed to acquire new graces and a brighter polish.

Lords B——k, G. C——h, and D——y, have each paid their devotions at this attractive shrine, and have each experienced the indulgence of the lovely priestess.

At the joint desire and expence of Lord B——k, and Mr. F——k, she was provided with the best masters, and the facility with which she acquired her contrarieties of accomplishments has fully proved the judgment of her friends, and the ability of her instructors. She seems to have a strong similitude of character and situation to the incomparable Ninon in many flattering particulars: like her, she is the distinguished favourite of all the Beaux Esprits: her house is their most agreeable rendezvous; and her *petites soupes*, like Ninon's, are the delight

delight of the witty and the fashionable, and the envy and detestation of the prudish and the vulgar.

One of Ninon's most admirable traits, was her happy knack of uniting the pleasures of sentimental attachment, and the transports of sense—and no consideration could induce her to a gratification of the latter sort, but when it was to be had conjunctively with the former.—She was a complete epicure in ecstasy, and would have it without adulteration. From this extreme delicacy of palate, she established it as an invariable rule

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(which she most religiously adhered to), immediately to discontinue all amorous intimacy with him, for whom she felt any diminution of passion.

In this instance, we fear the resemblance will not hold—but perhaps in this instance, a disparity of circumstances has hitherto made a deviation unavoidable. Those of Ninon were always independant, and of this independance her exact economy insured her the continuance; for though her domestic arrangements were not only convenient,

nient, but elegant, she kept within the bounds of her private fortune; her coach, her servants, her house were chosen and furnished in the most perfect taste, but at an expense that neither exceeded nor embarrassed her income, the affluent estate of which she inherited from a liberal and indulgent father. So that through her whole *routine* of amorous intercourses she never had her pleasures interrupted or abated by the smallest attention to interest, or prospect of advantage; and hence was she enabled to revel in that unboundedly voluptuous happiness,
from

from the enjoyment of which the generality of the sex are unfortunately precluded, and which we are apprehensive has not always been within the reach of Mrs. A—ft—d.

Her fortunes and independance are now at least equal to those of the adorable De l'Enclos ; may the similitude of her amours be for the future more perfect : may she resemble Ninon as much in her wonderful longevity and unabating superiority, as she does in the multiplicity of her accomplishments and influence over the hearts of all her acquaintance.

MRS.

MRS. B—D D—Y.

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Which she was put in her 15th
year, Mr. B—D—Y availed himself
of his extensive acquaintance, and in
determining which has ever been
the most proper, to procure
her mind and person by a marriage,
I S the Daughter of the late Mr.
I S—w, one of his Majesty's State
Trumpeters.

Her Father perceiving that she
had a strong natural turn for music,
apprenticed her, at a very early age,
to Mr. Michael Arne, to whose
instructions she has since done such
infinite public credit.

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When she was but in her 15th year, Mr. B-dd—y availed himself of her extreme youth, and an understanding which has ever been remarkably shallow, to prostitute her mind and person by a marriage, as heterogeneous and unnatural as that of Caliban and Ariel could be; or as angelic beauty and diabolical ugliness.

The utmost stretch of human imagination is inadequate to conceive any thing more delicately lovely than the *tout ensemble* of this adorable girl; her figure—her features—her complexion—the

the unfullied purity and whiteness of her skin—the inexpressible softness and feminality of her air—her voice and manner—formed all together an object on which the delighted eye was never satisfied with gazing. Such were the heavenly beauties of the charming Miss S—w; the wretched vestiges of which are scarcely to be traced in the present emaciated remains of Mrs. B—dd—y. Judge, Reader, of the more than savage barbarity, the almost infernal cruelty of that monster, from whose merciless inhumanity such tenderness and

and beauty were no preservatives ; scarcely did a day elapse without her lovely face or tender frame receiving some wound, mark, or contusion from the hand of the tyrant on whom she had bestowed herself. She bore this cursed severity for some time with the most submissive resignation ; but he having one evening laid it on with a most unusual weight, and concluded with a promise of repetition in the morning ; urged by her terrors and her yet aching sides, she secretly eloped, and concealed herself for a few days in a retirement where she

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was discovered ; and from whence she was removed by the notorious Jew Policy-Broker, J-sh— M-nd-z. With him she remained but a very short time. She had, previous to her elopement, been received on the stage with uncommon admiration ; and that attractive softness and enchanting delicacy she had so conspicuously displayed there, soon furnished her with a large levee of admirers.

The first affair in which she says her heart was in any violent degree interested, was with the celebrated

brated Charles Holland, at that time of Drury Lane Theatre. They lived a considerable time in the most uninterrupted and boundless happiness. By this intimacy, she considerably improved her theatrical talents, and acted a variety of characters with the greatest applause; but the part in which she seemed to shine with more than common brilliancy, was Fanny in the Clandestine Marriage; for the interesting tenderness, and pathetic softness that were so inimitably blended in her performance of it, received a glow, an animated effect, and

and a thousand natural beauties, from the reality of that tenderness which she felt for Mr. Holland, who acted the part of Lovell, and with whom she availed herself of every opportunity of rehearsing in the dressing rooms.

Mrs. B—dd—y's chief stage excellencies are, an easy and unembarrassed action, a fine style of Grecian face, of most astonishing power to express the passions of love and grief, and that both in singing and acting, she blends her tone, naturally of a most enchanting

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softness, in such a manner as no other English performer has ever been known to do. This charming perfection which chiefly characterizes the Italians, is falsely attributed to their language, but is really owing to the utterance of the voice.

Mrs. B—dd—y was now to experience the severest trial love can undergo; first attachments are generally thought to be most violent, and now she was doomed to have the object of her's snatched away almost in an instant. Mr. Holland
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was seized with a bad kind of the small-pox, which carried him off in a short time. She was for some days in a state of wild delirium, and continued a long time inconsolable ; but tears, nor groans, nor sighs could now restore him ; and she found that grief and solitude began to impair her beauties, and “ steal the rose from her cheek.”

She therefore came once more into the world, and was received with that burst of joy and pleasure, with which men are much more

violently affected by the recovery of a blessing, than on the first possession of it.

From this return to a partial Public, may be dated the commencement of that eclat, with which she has for a continuance of fourteen years, figured as the Thais of London, and the idol of the amorous world. In that period she squandered more money than would have satisfied the most avaricious soul of the greediest minister, which she extracted with the most unabating covetousness from all ranks of men,
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of all nations and every hue; from princes, players, peers, pimps and parsons, and drained of its ready cash, the whole corps diplomatique; for the extreme liberality of her mind never permitted her to consider as an objection, either the age, profession, country, condition, or complexion of a gallant.

Among her innumerable lovers the famous Mr. S-yr- seemed to be most attached, by him therefore she submitted to be once more weaned from this life of general indulgence. In consequence of this intimacy, she

had a child, who is now alive. After Mr. S-yr- she became the mistress of Lord C-l-r—n, and lived his uncontroled favourite for some time; happy had it been for his Lordship indeed, that he had never seen her, for so strangely infatuated was he by this syren's charms, that he indulged her in every extravagance and gratification, even to madness, and almost to the total destruction of his whole estate.

From Lord C-l-r—n, she fell again into an unsettled state of varying prostitution. Mr. B—n of
Drury

Drury Lane, Mr. L-sh-m of ditto, a Mr. T-thr-ngt-n, a gentleman of considerable landed property in Ireland, have each been the short-lived paramours of her insatiate concupiscence.

She is now in the third year of a connection with Mr. W-bst-r of Drury Lane ; a powerful example of the vast influence of beauty, even in its ruins, over the passions of men ; nor is she a less astonishing instance of its effect on the Public at large, for, with no other advantage than this, and a good style of singing,

singing, she has arisen to great theatrical eminence ; which, wonderful to say, she still preserves, though she is scarcely half a degree removed from an idiot. Her eyesight is decayed, her memory extinct, and her whole frame relaxed to a degree of almost infantine imbecillity, by a dreadful and excessive indulgence in love, liquor, lust, and laudanum.

MRS.

M R S. H—T T—N.

M R S. H. T. D.

MR S. H—TT—N.

IS the daughter of a Mr. A-br-se,
a Portuguese Jew, and sister to
the present actresses of that name.

We remember her to have been
what the world called handsome,
and this opinion could not fail to
gain some popularity from the af-
fiduous endeavours of herself and
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her family, as no one saw any reason to be at the trouble of contradicting it.

She inherited from her father, and confirmed by a strict attention to the duties of the Synagogue, an unbounded inclination to the acquisition of money, and to a provision for the Main Chance ; and she almost in her infancy discovered a surprising readiness at converting all those qualifications which she derived from Nature, or could attain by art, to the most extensive advantage that was possible to be made of them.

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Her eyes were taught to languish, roll, and sparkle, and her teeth to improve their natural whiteness by every brush and tincture that even Patence could devise. Her bosom was instructed, long before its full formation, to heave and pant by rule and measure. It was the very thermometer of riches and precedence. On the approach of a private gentleman of small fortune, scarcely it seemed to be animated by the smallest vital principle; an esquire, and a better estate, gave it a gentle, even, unagitated motion; the increase of its size, and the frequency

quency of its sinkings were easily perceptible when a baronet addressed her—but when she had attracted the notice of a lord, the reiteration of its throbs and tumultuous swellings were really astonishing.

This high opinion of herself was not confined only to her personal accomplishments; she was as fully persuaded that she possessed still more rare and valuable intellectual merits, and seemed convinced that a first essay was only necessary to give her consequence and importance

ance on the stage ;—on making this therefore she very soon determined ; but the event unhappily proved she had somewhat over-rated her qualifications for the profession, as her reception both from the managers at rehearsals, and from the Public on her appearance, was not of that warm and genial kind which seemed likely to nourish and mature them very suddenly. She was fortunately of a temper not easily depressed by trifling opposition ; and her natural vanity leading her to mistake the silence of her audience for atten-

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tion, and their lenity for approbation, she continued to study, and, Candour must allow, to improve; though the improvement was but diminutive, and its progress extremely slow.

In about the second year of her performance, she made a conquest and a Husband of a Mr. K—fe, a gentleman of some fashion as an engraver: and from this momentous circumstance, which generally closes the memoirs of the ladies, did her life begin to promise a variety of adventure.

Soon

Soon after her marriage, her mother, sister, and she went over to Ireland by the invitation of the managers there, and both she and her sister were very tolerably received by a Dublin audience. For some time after her arrival, and indeed till she had acquired at least a mediocrity of fame on the theatre, she was not known by her husband's name; but as soon as she thought herself sufficiently established, she sent for him, and he joyfully accepted an invitation by which he was to avail himself of the profits of her profession, and

the privileges of a husband. She had soon cause to regret her inconsiderate kindness, for after he had fully satisfied himself with possession, he began to display a disposition of rather an untender cast; and would frequently carry the advice of St. Paul on the subject of chastisement to a somewhat inconscionable severity. When a woman is young, tolerably handsome, and in a public situation, she cannot long want as many protectors as she pleases. This is, in some degree, the case every where, but very particularly so in Ireland. The gallantry

gallantry of M-j-r B-rch was at that time pretty well established; he offered his services, and they were not refused. Her sister, about the same time, held in her chains the lieutenant-colonel of the same regiment; they agreed to make a party quarrée of it, and took a house, in which they might have lived comfortably enough, but for some disagreeable animosities which originated from rather a whimsical piece of etiquette. Miss E. A-br-se, the younger sister, was inclined to think that she derived a superior consequence, and a precedence at

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table, &c. from the higher rank of the colonel her lover. Mrs. K—fe contended for the pre-eminence of birthright. The lovers felt an uncomfortable awkwardness at this diurnal squabble, which was generally maintained with much obstinacy and bitterness, and might in the end have been attended with a separation at least, if not more serious consequences, when one of the gallants thought of sending for Mrs. A-br-se, and placing her in the seat of contention. This happy expedient effectually quieted the fair disputants, and established harmony and peace in their *little community*.

Mrs.

Mrs. K—fe did not, on the formation of this connection, quit her stage engagements or emoluments; for she well knew, that the preservation of even the appearance of independance is the surest hold of human affections; and that so long as she could make it appear, that she had a competency of her own, the attachment of her friend, and his liberality of course would certainly be secure. She continued this intimacy (in a tranquillity for which she seems much more calculated than for rapture) about five years, and then with her

family returned to England; where she again appeared on the stage under the name of Egerton. In one of those characters of Congreve, where the high-coloured descriptions of certain situations are sufficient to inflame the most phlegmatic constitutions, she captivated the heart of her present enamorado Mr. H-tt-n; he did not find her very difficult of access, nor long deaf to his sollicitations. She quitted the stage, and a Public who did not feel her merit as (she thought) it deserved, for the arms of a generous and passionate lover; and

and if we may judge of happiness by appearance, neither of them regrets the commencement, nor is inclined to break off the continuation of their correspondence, (for she immediately took the name of her friend). She is now we suppose not younger than 43 or 44:—her person is somewhat larger than it was fifteen years ago; but in other respects she is less altered, and as the phrase runs, “wears better” than is to be imagined. Her eyes, teeth, and hair are remarkably fine; her conversation is both entertaining and well

well bred, and her language easy and fluent. She must be allowed upon the whole to be an object rather of desire as a mistress; and in a very superior style as an agreeable companion.

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MRS. F—R R—R.

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IS the daughter of Mr. G—y.
formerly of Bishopsgate Street,
but late of York-Buildings; a
gentleman of unexceptionable pri-
vate character, and of some emi-
nence in his profession as a surgeon.

As this lady has not manifested,
even in her more perfect maturity,
any of that secrecy and caution
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which are the foul of intrigue, we cannot suspect that she possessed those qualities in her earlier youth; and as no circumstances of that sort have transpired, we take it for granted, that she was not concerned in any illicit amour, previous to her marriage, and that she brought an untainted person, at least, to the Hymeneal bed.

In the year 1767, the lively, the volatile J. F-rr-r, became acquainted and enamoured with her. She was then in all the bloom of eighteen, and had a face as beautiful as can
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be imagined ; her figure could never be called a fine one, but it certainly well deserved the epithet *pretty* ; it was at that time utterly unincumbered with all that enormous mountain of fat, which it has since so unhappily collected ; she had besides, that air of artless simplicity and apparent innocence, by which the wise and the grave are not unfrequently deceived, and which never fail to rivet the chains of the gay and inconsiderate. Mr. F-rr-r was too much a man of this latter turn, to hesitate long making a serious proposal, which was no sooner

sooner made, than accepted, and very soon after concluded. He has always been above the meannefs of pecuniary confiderations, and his marriage is a fufficient proof how cheaply he held all advantages of that fort, when put in competition with love and beauty.

They lived about three years in that round of gaiety and diffipation, to which he has ever been inclined, and which acquired from its novelty a double relifh for her.

About the year 1770, ſhe commenced an acquaintance, and ſoon after

after a criminal intimacy with Mr. R—h—n of the G—rds, which continued some months undiscovered. There are many circumstances concur to make the conduct of this gentleman extremely indefensible; for with the most hypocritical deceit, he wormed himself into the confidence and good opinion of Mr. F—r—r, for whom he pretended the most zealous friendship and disinterested regard, at the very time he was plotting a connection with his wife; and even after he had carried his point, he so artfully imposed on his unsuspecting benevolence,

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volence, that he absolutely persuaded him to lend him money to purchase his L—n—cy. Mr. F-rr-r did not long remain in ignorance of his wife's infidelity and his friend's turpitude.

The unbounded generosity of F-rr-r would have never allowed him to think of hinting at the debt of R—h—n, so long as he thought he had acted honourably by him; but no sooner was he convinced of his complicated perfidy and baseness, than he sued him for the money; and the narrow and contracted
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state of his finances precluding all possibility of payment, he was arrested and confined for twenty months in the Fleet prison.

During Mr. R—h—n's confinement, which we cannot help declaring we think was a punishment very inferior to his deserts, Mrs. F—rr—r continued to frequent all public places, and endeavoured to compensate the loss of her ciccisbio by a double portion of revelry and dissipation. At the funeral of the Princess D. of Wales, she met for the first time Mr. C—fts of B—g—ns;

a contiguity of situation gave him opportunity to be useful and attentive, he did not miss them, and had the address, before their separation, to persuade her to give him another meeting. This acquaintance, like the former, was soon wrought up to the most intimate familiarity ; for her beauty could not fail to excite a lover's desires, and her natural constitution strongly inclined her to gratify them.

Her imprudence in a short time opened the way to suspicion, and determined

determined Mr. F-rr-r to remove her from the scene of her infamy, and from the presence of her lover. He set out with the fair *debauchée* for the Continent, fully determined to place her in a convent for the remainder of her life. On the road, she played off the whole artillery of sighs and tears; talked of contrition and repentance, vowed total amendment and thorough reformation; and before they reached Paris, had effectually weaned him from his purpose of the convent. Mr. F-rr-r was at that time high sheriff for

County of S-l-p, and was obliged to attend in England, on the business of his office; he however made a most liberal provision for her, no less than 400l. per annum, on condition that she should remain abroad. She readily seemed to acquiesce, and set out for Rouen in Normandy, on a plan of retirement and reformation. Before she had been there two months, she wrote word of her situation to Mr. C—fts, and invited him over, he obeyed the amorous summons, and after a very few days stay at Rouen, they set out together for England, and never parted

parted till they came to Shooter's Hill. On Mrs. F-r-r-r's arrival in London, she immediately went to her husband's house in Queen Anne Street, but was very properly refused admittance.

Her behaviour from this time has been an almost regular climax in infamy and every species of vice. She found that her first paramour R--h--n, was still in prison, and with all the impatience of a Statira flew to seek him. She renewed her criminal connection, and visited him openly, in the shameless defiance of all the

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laws of common decency: nor did she, on this revival of her intimacy with R—h—n, give up the acquaintance of C—fts, but continued to occupy them both, till the departure of the latter for the East-Indies.

After this period, the number of her *faux pas* increased with such surprising rapidity, such quick succession, that it would be the business of volumes to mention a quarter of them. F—l-n, H-r-v-y, H-ll, W-lf-n, F-tzg-r-ld, and a hundred others, assisted by their contributions

contributions in the maintenance of her mother, sister, and herself; and by their constitutions to the gratification of that more than Messalinian furor, which seemed to have taken so violent a hold of her. To the inexpressible violence of this ungovernable passion, she must infallibly have fallen a wretched martyr, if it had not happily been counteracted in a great degree by another, indeed the only one which could have made any stand against it, namely, a continual and incessant craving desire for money. A propensity to avarice, and a wish to acquire

quire gold by whatever means, whether of prostitution of her person, or the more shameful and inexcusable meanness of whining and entreaties, with all the servile cant of the most miserable mendicant. And as in the moments of enjoyment, a liberal and generous soul feels its happiness exalted to almost superhuman rapture, by a sincere and passionate preference for the participating object; so are her joys then wound up to perfect ecstasy, when the mere sensual vigour of her paramour is sure to be exceeded by the magnitude of the

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the subsequent reward. Extreme avarice is hardly to be found but in those who have many other enormous vices, it steels the heart against every possible virtuous impression, and deadens it to every generous sensation: Mrs. F-rr-r has most of those vices that are the probable consequences of this one, and some that have been supposed incompatible with it. She is expensive in dress, and extravagant in the indulgence of her palate; violently addicted to wine and strong liquors, which she drinks often to excess, and not infrequently to intoxication.

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On her husband's refusing her admittance into his house, she seemed to acquiesce and submit to the justice of his resentment; but this affected humility was but the cloak of a Machiavilian scheme which was concerted between herself, mother, and sister. And this so far succeeded that they absolutely got into the house, and took an almost forcible possession of it in his absence; from which they were, but with the greatest difficulty, ejected, though not till after they had stood a pretty severe siege, and been allowed some terms of capitulation.

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An effectual separation has ever since taken place, though no steps have been attempted on his side towards a regular divorce. From this time she set out on her career of prostitution, with the perseverance of a post-horse, and on pretty nearly the same terms. Those two appetites we have before mentioned were ever craving, ever devouring all that offered ; and only seemed to grow more voracious by feeding. After about a year's public reception of every man who could administer to those desires, and whom she

she could allure into expence and attention by giving her connection the air of intrigue, finding her acquaintance began to abate both in number and in generosity, she set out again for the Continent, and entered herself a lodger at a convent at Ardes, about twelve miles from Calais. The multiplicity of her offences, and the matchless infamy of her whole conduct, had not been sufficient to induce the generous F-r-r-r to withhold the very liberal allowance he had formerly agreed to give her ; and on this

this she might have lived a life of not only ease, but elegance, if her desires had not been so licentiously unbounded. But so far from keeping within its easy limits, we find her, after two years residence, obliged to abscond, and leave her sister behind, as a pledge for the debts she had contracted.

Since her last return to England, nothing can be imagined more uniformly depraved and abandoned than every part of her character. The lowest connections, the most lascivious

lascivious practices, the most drunken excesses, have levelled her to an equality, if not sunk her to an inferiority, with the unhappy Peripatetics of the Strand. Her mother, sister, and herself are now lodged in Chapel Street, Grosvenor Place, at the sole expense, and totally dependant on the bounty of miniature C—fw—y, of Berkley Street; but no obligation however great, no relief however important, can affect with the smallest touch of gratitude, a heart so long and so shamefully hackneyed in the ways
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of vicious prostitution, and scandalous debauchery. For though she owes to him a person which he has preserved from starving, if it still has the power to communicate any pleasures, he has less of them than any other man who is mad or dupe enough to solicit their enjoyment.

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IS the sister of Mrs. F-rr-r, and has been almost continually with her since her 15th year, the time of her quitting school, in the year 1771.

Her person is short and inelegant, her face utterly uninteresting, and without the smallest pretensions to beauty. She has besides a drawl-

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ing manner and an awkward gait, which, added to a flattern style of dress, make her an object of, at most, indifference, and must for ever shut the doors against all approaches of either a tender or a libidinous nature. If we were inclined to moralize on the ill effects of bad example and debauched society, this unfortunate young lady affords us but too ample a field; for without charms to attract, address to engage, or accomplishments to win one lover, nay, even without any violent impulses of constitutional passion, such is the consequence of being

being accustomed to look on vice familiarly, that she has almost, in despite of nature, fallen into a state of prostitution nearly as bad, though not quite so general, as her wretched sister; to whose numerous debaucheries she was so early a witness, and in the management of whose intrigues she was, almost in her infancy, employed.

In the year 1775, she attended Mrs. F-r-r-r to Ardes, in the double capacity of *confidente* of her amours, and foil to her person; and was of so much service in both characters,

that Mrs. F-rr-r (after a residence of about two years in that town, spent in every species of obscene extravagance and unbounded prodigality) as a reward for her services, having privately packed up her every moveable, and secretly decamped for England, left her the only ostensible security for all her debts, to the merciless rapacity of importunate creditors, and all the horrors of a tedious, if not perpetual imprisonment.

Miss G—y had for some time previous to this, carried on an
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amorous correspondence with a young Bourgeois, and had lately discarded him for an officer in the Duc de Lauzan's regiment, and continued her intimacy with him for a year after her sister's affectionate departure. Though we cannot imagine her to have been the object of this young warrior's love, still she was in some sort necessary to his amusement; and he could not see her distress and embarrassments, without a desire to relieve them: what could he do? he had never seen, much less could command so serious a
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sum as 200l: he however, either by accident or design, mentioned her situation to his colonel, and he instantly, with that splendid munificence and generosity which has ever emblazoned his character, not only satisfied every demand, but insisted on her acceptance of a supply sufficient for all her necessities whilst she should wait to hear from her sister, or should prefer returning to England. Perhaps the only instance of her prudence, she has ever given, was in determining immediately on the latter; for after a year had elapsed, during
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which Mrs. F-rr-r had neither remitted her one farthing, nor even written her a line, the probability of her assisting her was surely but a very slender one.

She very soon availed herself of the Duke's bounty, and set out for England with somewhat less infamy than her sister had done; whom she however immediately rejoined on her arrival. Since her return she has had but two amorous connections that we know of, the first at Exeter, with a Mr. W—tl-y, and one since in town, which we
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hear still continues, with the Rev. Mr. G-rd-n-r. She is now resident in the house with her mother and sister, in Chapel Street Grosvenor Place ; where her acquisitions in the way of her unhappy profession, make but a pitiful addition to the income the family receive from their friend Mr. C—fw—y.

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IS the daughter of — T-lf-n, Esq.
and the Right Honourable Lady
K-r-y, whom he married after the
death of Lord K-r-y.

That Mrs. M-h-n comes within
that description of character which
we feel ourselves privileged to in-
vestigate, is a circumstance that we
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of melancholy and sorrow ; and a misfortune, which if we could admit the belief of predestination, we should record as one of its strongest instances.

Nature has distinguished Mrs. M-h-n by many partial advantages. Her person, though it be on a very small scale, is in the most exact proportion ; even the most envious part of her own sex, allow her face to be lovely ; and her understanding is most valued by that part of the other sex, who are best qualified to judge. In the
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decoration of the first, her elegant taste and fancy are too generally admired to be flattered by the trifling addition of our approbation. The second is so infinitely independent of all art, that, except on the mere score of fashion, she never thinks of calling in its assistance; and on the last, it is very evident that much early attention as well as subsequent cultivation have been bestowed.

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by lovers and sonnetteers, that the subject is exhausted of its novelty. We therefore request our Readers to accept, instead of poetical creation, plain description, instead of fiction, truth. Mrs. M-h-n's eyes are of a dark hazel colour, unparalleled brilliancy, sweetness and animation: the sparkling fire of the jetty black, and the melting softness of the languishing blue, are, by uniting, mutually corrected into almost magical perfection:—the pupil is remarkably round and full, and the ground or white, of most astonishing clearness; if these qualities

ties constitute beauty, her's are surely beautiful:—if any doubt that they are so, let them gaze and be convinced.

Mrs. M-h-n has ever had a heart naturally susceptible of the tenderest impressions,—fatal susceptibility! much abused tenderness!—

By the time she had attained her 14th year (the very crisis of impression and flexibility), an Irish adventurer, one M-h-n, was recommended to Lady K-r-y as a person qualified to teach her

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daughter to sing, and play on the guitar. The utmost exertion of this ignorant thrummer's penetration barely enabled him to discover this extreme pliancy of disposition in his pupil we before hinted at, which every other creature must have perceived at first sight; and his matchless impudence soon determined him to try, whether he could not convert it to his own advantage; whilst his extreme cunning, and indefatigable perseverance were wonderfully calculated to insure his success.

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It requires but a very slender stock of abilities (or it must have remained in the dark for him) to find out that money is useful to those who are poor, or to discover that he was himself in that unpleasant predicament. Now, though some weak, silly, mortals would have hesitated at acquiring this useful commodity by fraud, dissimulation, perfidy, and chicane, yet had he a soul happily superior to such unsubstantial scruples.

Mr. T-lf-n had been some time dead, and the young lady's fortune

was known to be about five thousand pounds, which, though it was greatly inferior to either her birth, beauty, or education, was nevertheless a sum as infinitely above his most sanguine hopes to soar to, as his abilities to acquire, but as he did by stealth.

The machinations and stratagems which he employed, the slow, but sure, gradations by which he advanced, and at last succeeded, would be prolixity to relate; suffice it to say, he accomplished his scheme of elopement, and established by a marriage

marriage with a giddy unthinking girl of 15, a claim to her fortune when she should be of age to receive it.

It is scarcely necessary to observe, that this precipitate step immediately roused her mother's most violent resentments, and shut her out from the notice of her relations and the society of their acquaintance. But there were still much worse consequences attendant on it, she was subjected to the conversation and company of his low and vulgar associates,—

name, and, in their opinion, to the level of his family.

After four years cohabitation with this undeserving and ungrateful reprobate, the brutality of his treatment, and shameless open infidelities grew too shocking to be borne; and she accordingly, in a fit of desperation, accepted the addresses and protection of Capt. T-rn-r, a gentleman of a handsome fortune, good education, and a mind capable of feeling the value of such a mistress, and treating her with that respect and attention she deserved.

deserved. We will not pretend to say she has had no other connection of a tender nature; but if the most unprovoked ill usage, the most unmerited barbarity can justify or extenuate her indiscretions, these she may with truth offer in excuse.

Her intimacy with Capt. T-rn-r, continued till an unhappy derangement of his affairs, made it necessary for him to leave England. His absence was much longer than he himself at first apprehended it would be, and as he could not easily make her situation even comfortably

fortably convenient; she has, with a degree of prudence highly commendable, accepted the generous and liberal offers of friendship made her by a gentleman, whose name we cannot with any certainty learn.

From that natural goodness of heart she so eminently possesses, as well as from the happiness she must feel at a restoration to domestic independance and comfort, from which she was so early stolen, we hope, nay, indeed we are persuaded, that no temptation can ever induce

induce her to commence a new connection, or to renew any former one, so as to give occasion even for envy to call her gratitude in question, or risk the friendship and protection of her present patron.

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IF we may allow ourselves to give credit to her own account, is indebted for her birth, and her first fourteen years maintenance, to the active endeavours of an honest and pains-taking mechanic, who, after a laborious and diligent attention to the two important duties of his station, viz. a regular performance of the conjugal ceremonies, and a daily inspection

inspection of his day-book and ledger, had the satisfaction, after a lapse of more than three lustra, to discover, that he had considerably increased his family, and irrecoverably ruined his circumstances.

The person of Kit Fr—d—k is tall and naturally graceful. Her manner noble, commanding, and unconstrained. She is neither so encumbered with flesh as to be thought clumsy, nor so unfurnished with it as to deserve the epithet thin; but is happily blessed with that critically exact medium, which
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the voluptuary Horace so continually recommends ; and that perfection of rotundity which the chisel of a Phidias, or the pencil of a Titian would be almost incompetent to express.

An openness of disposition, and an honesty of heart are visibly manifested in her countenance, and generosity and disinterestedness in every part of her conduct. To dwell upon the numberless beauties of her face and figure (however it might indulge us, or please our Readers), is surely unnecessary ; they are far

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above the reach of our praise. And though she is yet but in her meridian lustre, she has moved in too exalted a sphere, and shone forth with too bright a glory not to have been, even from her first setting out, the object of universal admiration.

By one of those fortunate accidents, which, but for their frequency, we should be apt to call miracles, she was thrown in the way of the ever-memorable C. Hayes; her discerning eye readily discovered, through all the disadvantages
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of the uncombed mane, and shagged tail of this wincing filly, the points of a racer. Charlotte had been too long a dealer to let a staring coat or bad condition conceal blood, bone, or shape from her. She bought her for a song—led her home, and clapped her into a single-stall stable immediately;—soon threw her into a course of physic—had her well rubb'd down,—drefs'd her fetlocks, plaited her mane, trimmed her ears, buckled her on a suit of body-cloaths; put her on a running martingal, and made her carry her tail New-Market fashion; in short

she had her on the turf in less than six weeks as fine as a ribbon. Kit soon paid for her keep and training ; for as she was a bottom'd thing, and mistress of any weight, she won all the give and takes she started for, besides many byematches, and soon became a favourite. Charlotte's head groom was a knowing hand, and a fellow she could depend upon, he was perfectly skilled in the whole art of hedging ; and by being in the secret, and going snacks with his mistress, they soon contrived to make a handsome sum of their filly.

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After Charlotte parted with her, she passed through a vast variety of hands, and was, it is said, much hack'd, even for very small plates. At last his Grace of Q——y paid a large sum for her when she was in low condition, violently surfeit-ed, and beaten in the feet; and being a pretty good farrier, he soon brought her round with good keep and gentle exercise.

She continued about four years in the Duke's stud, and was by him ridden many private matches: his Grace is reported to have been a

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good horseman, but his arms are not so strong, and his knees being somewhat weak, he has not so stiff and steady a seat as formerly ; however, he says he depends on Kit's deep rate and honest bottom to bring him through ; and as he never matches her for more than single heats, she is obliged to make the play from the post ; she generally keeps him in a good place, though he is apt to ride with a slack rein.

Kit is not now the Duke's property, nor stands at his stables, she belongs

belongs to a Capt. R.—b—d, who rides her hack on the road between town and quarters, he keeps her in tolerable condition, and she looks as if he put good meat in her belly. However his Grace likes her manner of galloping, and sometimes takes the liberty to ride her her sweats. Sir J—n L—e is reported to have lately bribed her stable boy to let him have her for a private heat; but whether he was determined to have a stolen trial between her and his own brown filly, or that she ran away with him off the course, certain it is, that nei-

ther of them were heard of for three days, and the poor boy had nearly lost his place. The fourth evening after her having been missed, she was found pawing at the stable door, without having a hair turned, not at all abused, nor did she seem to have been much or hard ridden. The following advertisement was to have appeared in the Morning Post next day, but was prevented by her return.

Stolen or strayed, a dark bay mare, aged —, full fifteen hands high; shews some blood, and has
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a great deal of bone ; well shouldered, broad chested, and remarkably deep in the girthing, full quartered, and round behind ; carries both ends well, but particularly her tail, which is uncommonly thick and bushy. Whoever will bring her without blemish, surfeit, or eye-sore, to Mrs. W—n's repository, Berkeley Street, Piccadilly, shall be handsomely rewarded and all expenses paid.

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or castrating, to Mr. Wm. W. or
Mr. Berkeley Street, Piccadilly,
shall be handsomely rewarded; and
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GIVES so many inconsistent and contradictory accounts of her birth and parentage, that it is difficult to form any probable conjecture either of what origin she is, or wishes to be thought. One day she confidentially tells you “that (but let it go no further) she is the daughter of poor but honest and industrious

industrious parents, who imprudently gave her too good an *edication* for their circumstances." But how any circumstances can be too low, for her education is not easy to conceive. That they did indeed endeavour to instruct her in the rudiments of reading and writing, we do partly believe, as she is much addicted to making attempts at both, but these are so very feeble that her charge against her parents appears to be both ill-grounded and malicious. Sometimes when Champaigne has exalted her notions, and inspired her with a passion for hereditary fame,

fame, she asserts that she derives an honourable, though illegitimate, existence from Lord —— S-and-s; and in her merry moments of greater elevation, frequently quotes this brilliant observation of her sister companions, “That Bet looks so much like a gentlewoman, she certainly must have good blood in her veins.”

We could enumerate twenty other accounts which she gives of herself; but let these two, so whimsically contradictory, serve as a sufficient

ficient proof, how strangely tenacious she must be of her veracity.

It is not unnatural to suppose, that her very early years were spent in the most profound obscurity; for after the most diligent search, and strictest inquiry, we find it impossible to trace her farther back than about the year 1764, when she was discovered by Capt. F-x, pitifully lodged in a little back room, on a ground floor, in Windmill Street. Her miserable situation was such a one as too many of her
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sex are continually obnoxious to. She was then not more than in her 16th year ; had but just recovered from a dangerous lying in ; left by the man who had lately cohabited with her in the most abject poverty and confirmed disease. The old beldam, from whom she hired her little room, for ever clamorous for money, and for ever terrifying her with denunciations of vengeance and ejection, if it was not produced ; the wretched unfortunate was compelled to ramble in search of an adventitious supply from a painful and promiscuous prostitution.

In this horrid course of life she lived some time ; but no constitution could have long supported it. In this lamentable situation was she found by Capt. F-x, who, by way of promising her some assistance, mentioned her unhappy case to Lord L—, at that time Mr. L—.

Capt. F-x spoke so highly of her extreme youth, and uncommon beauty, that his Lordship was determined to see her. Urged by that unaccountable caprice which has ever marked his character, he instantly removed her to his own house,

house, where he kept her a fortnight; but little advantaged by the change, the object of his cruelty and sport all day, and of his lascivious impotency by night. Capt. F-x, whose fortunes were not by any means affluent, and who had some expectations from the friendship of his Lordship, was withheld by these considerations, from offering any very effectual remonstrance; but he frequently ventured, at oblique hints, and sometimes even entreaties, that he would desist from his inhumanity, and do something to relieve this unhappy girl.

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Nothing could be farther from his intentions than to serve or assist any one whose agonies afforded him such constant entertainment ; he was therefore utterly unmoved by the tears of the unfortunate victim, and laughed at the admonitions of the unperfuaſive Captain.

At length, tired out with ſuch a dull repetition of unvarying cruelties, and in hopes of changing the ſcene, he took her one evening to Charlotte Hayes's, under whoſe care and tuition he left her, having firſt privately extorted a promiſe
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on oath from the terrified girl, that she should, on all future occasions, give him a preference to every other connection, however agreeable or advantageous it might be. To this promise, however, she did not long pay any rigid attention; the logic of her Chaprone, assisted by her own inclinations, quickly quieted all her scruples on that head.

Charlotte's first care was to employ some of the most eminent of the faculty, and endeavour to re-establish the health of her lodger,

whose beauty was even then wonderful, and from the improvement of which she already anticipated infinite emolument.

Her confinement was neither tedious nor severe, and it was attended with more good consequences than were at first apprehended; it afforded opportunity for much of her extreme vulgarity, rust, and awkwardness to wear off; and by a conversation with Charlotte, her language was weeded of many of her provincial accents and most offensive barbarisms.

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By the time she had her doctor's certificate of perfect convalescence, she appeared to have undergone an almost new creation. No age or clime has perhaps ever produced a more perfect model of voluptuous beauty than Mrs. Hayes presented to her chosen friends, in the person of this delicious girl, when health and exercise had given glow and animation to the most bewitching face and figure in the world. The charming Betsey Green, for so she was called at that time, was the toast of every club, and the object of universal adoration. Embassa-

dors from all nations produced their credentials before her, and after the proper ceremonials were complied with, were in turn admitted; nay, even princes have graced her levee, and been tributary to her charms.

After three years indulgence in every pleasure and amusement that London could afford, whilst she was yet in the zenith of her glory, and in the broadest blaze of beauty, she quitted the public situation of general attainability, and yielded to the solicitations of the enamoured

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preside at his table.

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generous friend who has lifted her
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his fortunes, his society, and all
the enviable advantages of private
consequence and domestic elegance.

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No man ever indulged a mistress so fondly as Col. C-xe did ; no woman ever abused indulgence so grossly. If he had occasion to be absent from town ever so short a time, no sooner was his back turned, than she assembled all her most abandoned companions of either sex, converted his house into a temple of debauchery, where from midnight to noon day, the orgies of Bacchus and the rites of Priapus were celebrated with a more than frantic alternation. The choicest wines and viands were continually squandered by this licentious voluptuary,

tuary, on the base associates of her shameful profligacy, the most sumptuous apartments and magnificent furniture, were repeatedly contaminated by their drunken revelry and gluttonous excesses.

Her beauty had enslaved a man naturally easy and generous, he bore her continuance in this course of prodigality for near four years, but could submit to it no longer.

She received her dismissal without any other reluctance, but such as she felt for the deprivation of
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the means to continue her debaucheries. Her mind was ever unsusceptible of either affection, gratitude, or any other of the gentler passions; her infamous ill treatment of her friend and benefactor, therefore, never gave her a moment's uneasiness: and she continues to this day to speak of it as a matter of infinite triumph.

She did not return to C. Hayes after her discharge from the Colonel, but took lodgings in Curzon-Street, May-Fair, where she did not confine herself to any number or rank of

of visitors ; in the latter of which particulars she was much better off than she could have expected; she was even so fortunate as to effect two other detached connections, the one with the well known fashionable F— L-n-; and after him with L. G—y, now E. of A—f—d. After those, she fell back into those occasional embarrassments and penury, which are the general consequences of indiscriminate intimacies.

About twelve months had elapsed in which she had not been patronized by any particular friend,
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when she was, by a preconcerted plan of two of her female friends, Sal H-df-n, and Mother B—ks, introduced to her present keeper, the Honourable H. N-v-ll, then under age, and a student of Oxford.

The various schemes that were practised on Mr. N-v-ll, to attach him to this long-hacked, and almost worn out Xantippe, are equally numerous and wonderful ; but what may not cunning and falsehood perform, by the management of two prostitutes, and an experienced Harridan,

Harridan, opposed to youth, inexperience, and College levity. Bet was not yet below the regard of passion, and of that Mr. N-v-ll had enough, he solicited one favour, and was granted as many as he could take; in every rencounter she pretended an increase of love, and by perseverance in dissimulation, affected a kind of conquest. She pleaded affection and distress, and was heard by generosity and benevolence, through the medium of an inclination naturally amorous; he repeated his cohabitation, and at last determined on a monopoly

poly of the object. It is now five years since he has protected and maintained her ; at first with a boyish prodigality ; latterly, with a more commendable prudence.

If any one action of her's had ever come to our knowledge, that was not tinged with infamy, vice, and meanness, we would gladly communicate it, though it were but for its singularity : if she ever should reform, we would celebrate and publish that reformation. But we must confess we despair : there are certain marks of
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such deep perdition, such irretrievable contamination, that nothing but a long seclusion, and a neglected old age can ever erase. While she has a tongue, she will abuse, calumniate, lye, and beyond all credibility blaspheme. While she has her present heart, she will ever be deceitful, mean and hypocritical: for punch she would quit the company and conversation of a Carlisle; and for a hop she would gladly go to the Devil.

The figure of Bet C—xe is even now a fine one, tall, finely form'd, and, if it had not been so severely

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abused, would be still voluptuous; but however her shape and height may strike the eye at a little distance, a nearer approach will not fail to undeceive it; and will but too plainly discover the irreparable ravages of early prostitution, and continued irregularities. and though she affects a tenacious regard for public approbation, and has sometimes an appearance of decent placidity; let but a waiter at Ranelagh delay providing her tea, or a link boy her coach; and to the rage of Moorfields she will add the language of Billingsgate, and not improbably the discipline of Hockley.

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IS a Lady of Wapping “birth, parentage and education;” a truth which, if it needed illustration, is sufficiently evinced by the general tenor of her “life, character, and behaviour.”

The first grand object of all parents’ attention should certainly be to set their children forward into

the world with what the vulgar call “their best foot foremost:” for on their first introduction, will most probably depend their future success or failure in life.

That a child is under any obligation to its parents for the mere adventitious circumstance of its existence, would be both ignorance to imagine, and folly to assert. The claim of gratitude and filial duty is therefore only to be established by the subsequent care, attention, and kindness we receive; and in proportion to the generosity of a parent
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in these particulars, should the obligation be considered, and the gratitude of the child excited. On this principle, what length of life, what assiduity of endeavour, what exertion of her every human faculty (and she possesses some in great perfection) can ever liquidate the debt Mrs. B-nw-ll owes to the liberality of her parents; when she considers the line and situation in which their tenderness has placed her, the vast and innumerable advantages which daily accrue from the wisdom of their introduction

to, and the powerful patronage of, the wonderful Mrs. Weston.

That cold, uninteresting *sang froid* with which we so frequently see pretended patrons undertake the advancement of their dependants makes no part of the character of Mrs. Weston. She received Mrs. B-nw-ll with that warmth of affection, that impassion'd zeal which takes from dependance all its apprehensions, and gives animation and confidence to friendship. She entered with a noble alacrity into
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all the interests of her lovely friend; examined with a scrutinizing eye her most *secret concerns*; gave her the most judicious instructions concerning their future management, and infallible rules for converting them to the best advantage. She made her acquainted with all her best and most particular friends; had the happiness of establishing her on an easy and familiar footing with many persons of considerable fashion and interest; and easily persuaded her confidently to trust her most private affairs in their hands; for so implicit was her reliance on
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this amiable patroness, that she ever most minutely adhered to the very letter of her advice.

The good effects of this prudent conduct were soon evinced by her having a lucrative sinecure place conferred on her, by the old and debilitated, but no less amorous and indulgent, Lord L--d-n. Tho' the nature of this engagement seemed to require a residence at the chambers allotted for the attendant, yet did her attachment to Mrs. Weston set aside all such trivial objections; and though Berkeley
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Street was no longer her nominal home, still were its doors ever most hospitably open, and her visits so long and so frequent, that the hotel which his Lordship had provided for her seemed rather a circumstance of shew, than either use or convenience.

In one of those visits she first became acquainted with Lord M-l-w-th, whose person and accomplishments, though they be but little likely to attract the regards of the fair; yet certainly must appear to infinite advantage when
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compared with those of the antiquated peer, we have before mentioned; though nothing brilliant or particularly insinuating mark his character, yet he had youth and good humour on his side; and as he had some passion, and no violent rage for the refinements of good breeding, the preference does not absolutely seem a matter of any very great astonishment. The consequence of this reciprocal partiality need not to be told; the parties continually met and indulged in every sensual pleasure: Lord M. grew enamoured; Mrs. B-nw-ll was

was pleased : they never parted but with regret, and never met but with delight. His Lordship proposed, and the Lady agreed, that she should quit her sexagenary admirer, and give him a less doubtful claim. They anticipated the transports of uninterrupted enjoyment, and had almost settled a plan of happiness which they were but too soon doom'd to relinquish as impracticable. Some busy sycophant conveyed intelligence of their scheme to the still passionately fond and faithful Lord L—d-n, who, however time may have impaired
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his personal prowess, possesses a soul in which the most punctilious gallantry, and exemplary fortitude still continue to shine with the purest unfulled lustre. To have his mistress, the object of his adoration, the decoration of his character, the conquest of his declining age, snatched from him in this public manner, was such an alarm to his pride, such a derogation from his consequence, as he could not patiently endure. He therefore buckled on his faithful sword, ordered his carriage to drive to Berkeley Street, and was so fortunate as to
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find the objects of his love and resentment. He quickly introduced the subject of his errand, and in the course of a tête-à-tête with his rival peer, offered such weighty remonstrances, and effectual arguments, that his Lordship of M—— resigned his pretensions, and the victorious L—— returned in triumph with the Lady in his chariot.

The recovery of his mistress was certainly glorious. But richly as he deserved the prize, he could not long preserve it; in a short time she eloped, and returned to Lord M——,

M——, put herself entirely on his love and generosity for protection. He received her with transport, and took her home to his house, from whence L. L—— did not think her worth the trouble of bringing: they had now no more alarms of interruption, and their intimacy continued with tolerable comfort for about two years; during which time his Lordship, who has a strong musical turn, took infinite pains both by his own instructions, and employing good masters, to give her some taste for the science, and endeavour to make her in some sort a performer ;

performer ; but so unhappily incapacitated did he find her, that her proficiency, after two years labour, had got no farther than the accomplishing Foot's minuet, with one finger, on the harpsichord. His Lordship was certainly extremely attentive and anxious to instruct and improve Mr. B—, but he had an invincible opponent in nature, from whom she inherited but a very slender portion of docility. But though she had no great turn for the polite arts, she improved to admiration in worldly wisdom by her conversation with Mrs. Weston,

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from whom she learned many prudent and serviceable maxims; such as, that beauty is but skin deep; make hay while the sun shines; a bird in the hand, &c.

The enjoyment of the present moment, and the idea of catching pleasure on the wing, were held as weak and silly notions, only to be found in giggling, romantic, love-sick, foolish girls. A settlement was now become the grand object of all her hopes, and every stratagem every manœuvre that was likely to forward or accomplish this effect, was

was not only held allowable, but highly meritorious. His Lordship however, though he reckoned not so many years by near two score as her former enamorado, was certainly not quite so young; he was utterly proof against all her arguments, sighs, tears, and upbraidings, and when she even threatened to leave him to despair or death, he still remained perfectly insensible, and absolutely saw her execute this cruel purpose with the most mortifying and steady tranquillity. The ever hospitable mansion of her faithful Weston now once more recei-

ved her. In this retirement she continued some days in moping melancholy, inaccessible to all male visitors, and leading the miserable life of a wretched recluse. Her tender and affectionate hostess could not, unmoved, behold the agonies of her friend, she spoke comfort to her affliction, and warmly participated in her sorrows. By her consolatory advice, and kind attentions the violence of the fair mourner's griefs in a few days began to subside; and she was prevailed on to submit to an interview with her inexorable ingrate, which terminated

nated in her acceptance of a house and equipage together, with a proper quantity of the Needful, to appear in the world on a totally independent footing. His Lordship now commenced an intimacy on a new plan; he visited the Lady at her own house in Edward Street, without any pretensions to authority, or any right to preclude such visitors of either sex as she chose to receive; but still remained obstinately deaf to all solicitations on the article of Settlement.

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After having lived about two months in a round of dissipation and independance, she made a conquest of the late Hon. T. St-nl-y, whose propofals she accepted immediately on their being made. He forthwith entered on poffeffion, in which he continued till his embarkation for the West-Indies: though during its whole continuance, L. M—— had almost daily opportunities to meet, and be happy with the Lady. When Mr. S. failed, L. M—— once more became the oftensible proprietor, and the fair Mrs. B-nw-ll was again reinstated in

in her consequence and residence at Grafton Street, where she remained for about six months; and at length, after a thousand quarrels and reconcilements, flew off, and put herself again under the patronage and roof of Mrs. Weston; where she still continues with every probability of being a permanent lodger.

Nature has undoubtedly been liberally profuse of her most admirable external gifts to Mrs. B-nw-ll, which we are sorry to find are but the beautiful covering of a most

horrible and deformed mind. The most dreadful propensity to shocking imprecations, the most insurmountable habit of abuse and scurrility too clearly prove the infallibility of the old proverb, "what's bred in the bone," &c. to leave a doubt remaining, that she owes her existence and her morals to Wapping.

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M R S. M—C K—Y.

IS wife to Mr. M-ck-y, of the
E-st-I—a C—y, and the
sister of the celebrated Mr. S—tt-n,
whose trial for the deposing of L—
P-g-t has of late made so much
noise.

As in a former part of our work,
we have expressed our sorrow and
regret, at finding the lovely and
accomplished Mrs. M-h-n; among
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the number of those we thought ourselves at liberty to animadvert upon; so on this occasion do we feel ourselves no less affected with wonder and astonishment, whenever we consider that the fallow skin, the withered chops, the wrinkled forehead, and the flabby neck of this antiquated beldam have not been insurmountable obstacles to her providing herself with paramours so as to entitle her to a place in our illustrious catalogue; but

*Auri sacra Fames quid non mortalia
pectora cogis?*

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Figure to yourself, good Reader, a slim, skinny, awkward matron, with all the preposterous affectation of girlish coquetry, the hoary reverence of whose tresses, and the furrowed ruts of whose front would seem to afford a melancholy memento of approaching dissolution; did she not, with an attention which would do honour to a better cause, and an expence at which an hospital might be liberally endowed, so belard and conceal the former with grease and powder, that its colour nor scarcity can possibly be discovered; and so be cram the latter with

with white lead and putty, that the sad idea of decayed humanity never can occur, for the ill-made cement gives the face the appearance but of a plaistered mask; repaired indeed at a cost which it could only have deserved from its astonishing similitude to the libidinous Conculix in Voltaire's inimitable Pucelle D'Orleans.

Her bigotry, however, to the cause of Priapus, has wonderfully surmounted all these impediments, and enabled her to accomplish a connection with the late L—

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P-g-t; the person to whose friendship her husband owed his first advancements. His Lordship, it is true, had some small excuse to offer in extenuation of his crime (which some have thought mounted almost to bestiality), namely, that it was perpetrated among the hottentots, where the difference between Mrs. M-ck-y and the natives, was considerably less than a European is apt to imagine.

Whilst she was in this country, she gave evident signs of a far advanced pregnancy; and her extreme

treme anxiety for her health determined her to wait till she should lay in: but whether it was that the climate had operated on the constitution of the embryo, or that the sable hue of the attendant slaves had taken an unhappy hold of her imagination; or, what is not much less probable, that she had descended to a criminal intimacy with one of the black inhabitants, certain it is that the young hottentot's complexion was of the true negroe tint, and seemed to disclaim all pretensions to a European father. It was however carefully provided with
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every thing, and baptized by the expressive but uncommon name of Ink-bottle.—

On this amiable creature's return to England, her husband nevertheless made a most ample and generous provision for her; so little was he inclined to resent the prodigality with which she squandered those favours, which some would say should have been reserved for him alone.

Mr. M-ck-y's affairs requiring his presence a second time, in the

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E-ft I—s; he did not think it absolutely necessary to encumber himself with his lady: he accordingly left her behind him with a fixed income of 1500l. per annum, and a very large credit on his banker. This noble allowance soon brought to her net a Capt. F— (now Sir — F.) on whom she had for some time gloated with the eyes of lust; with him she indulged in all the delicate excesses of brothels, taverns, and bagnios, and revelled in all the joys his person could afford, so long as she had money to pay his price for them. But finding
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that he grew quite unreasonable in his demands, and that she could have the prime parts of human flesh of very superior grain and flavour, at a much cheaper rate, she refused to come into his terms; and as he would make no abatement, she deprived him of her custom.

She soon after became desperately enamoured of the broad shoulders and finewy limbs of Mr. P. of D. L. theatre; to whom she immediately dispatch'd a most passionate billet of invitation to her house; his obedience to which, and

to the consequent duties, he found rewarded at his departure with a tender squeeze, and a bank note of 50l. This latter circumstance pleased, but did not much surprise him. P—— was much too handsome a fellow not to know the value of his person; and as he conceived that women should pay in proportion to their means, their desires, and deformity, he readily determined on having a most exorbitant premium for his labours. This connection lasted without any material disagreement as long as the allowance of 1500l. But on the reduction

duction of that to 500 (which by the way she still has) the attention of Mr. P. began visibly to abate, and those civilities which he had so lately paid with a charming frequency, were now scarce ever offered. This mortifying coldness she could not but feel with the most poignant distress, and she quickly determined to resent it. Availing herself, therefore, of Mr. P.'s married situation, and a conviction that he would not openly plead his personal services, she arrested him for a sum which she pretended to have lent him, but which was li-

terally given as a reward. To this capture, however, he submitted, but would not to a renovation of the intimacy. Mrs. M-ck-y, therefore, finding she was never the nearer to her purpose, consented to a compromise, and agreed to take the value of this iniquitous debt in orders for the theatre.

This manœuvre of the arrest she had before practised on Capt. F. ; but he not being under any such unlucky predicament as Mr. P. had very properly stood trial with the Lady, whom he non-suited, on the principle of having given at least the value

value of the debt in personal exertions, to which he could only have been induced by either a stipulated or implied reward.

Buffon, and most other naturalists, divide all animals into three distinct orders, the carnivorous, the graminivorous, and the granivorous; and their mode of determination is from the structure of the teeth. Among which of these classes they would place Mrs. M-ck-y, we are utterly at a loss to imagine, as she is the only animal we have ever either seen or heard of, whose upper

and lower rows of teeth were placed rectangularly; the former of which is in a position directly horizontal, and the latter as perfectly perpendicular: they are besides of a most enormous magnitude, and a whimsical diversity of tint, no two of the many with which her extensive mouth is fortified, having the smallest similitude in that particular.

LADY GR—S—N—R.

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Esq; of Ch-sh-re, sister to Miss
V-rn-n, the present Maid of Honour;
and married Lord G. 19th July,
1764. The affair with his R—I
H—-fs the D-ke of C—— is so re-
cent, and of course, so fresh in the
memory of every body, that it
would be needless to recapitulate the
particulars here. The conclusions
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however that may be drawn from thence are rather of an unfavourable nature to the Right Honourable Lady in question.

Few of our Readers, we suspect, are unacquainted with the person and address of the R—l Lover, or can be ignorant that they are but ill calculated to make any very violent impression on the heart of any female who is blessed with a scruple of discernment. The intellectual accomplishments of his Highness are very sufficiently proved in that witty collection of Epistles which
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afforded such infinite entertainment to the gentlemen of the long robe on the trial. The encouragement, therefore, which she gave to his addreses, or rather the advances which she first made him, could only have their source in pride, folly, and depravity of heart, which would lead her to prefer the public loss of character and reputation, by an intrigue with a person she could not possibly love, merely from the weak, paltry, vanity of being spoken of with one of the blood R——l.

Surely if a breach of the matrimonial

nial vow is capable of any extenuation, it must be from the impulse of a violent affection for the party, and the ill treatment of the consort; neither of which excuses the Lady in question can be supposed to offer.

The fondness of her husband was visible to every one; and was indeed so extremely violent, that it was generally imagined he would have submitted to a re-union, even after her criminality had been so amply proved upon the trial: this however her subsequent conduct and open violation of all decency has effectually

effectually prevented. His Lordship therefore made every effort to obtain a divorce; but in this he was unhappily disappointed: the Lady retorted upon him a charge of recrimination, with proofs, of which she was so amply provided, that his Lordship was obliged to relinquish all hopes of accomplishing his freedom; and is now obnoxious to the continual mortification of seeing his title and coronet, his liveries and emblazonments abused in the aggrandizement of a woman, who is denied admission among any of her
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own sex above the line of prostitution; and who, whatever she might have been, is now scarcely worth the trouble of acquisition.

The striking features in L—y G——'s character are,—a most insatiable passion for singularity, and a violent rage for play. To the unreasonable indulgence of the former, poor M—t-g— fell an early martyr; and to the latter, the purses of many unthinking dupes have furnished very large contributions.

Sir G. P. T——r was for three
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years the ostensible friend of this Lady, but has broke off the connection some time; she has from him a settlement of 600l. per annum, with which she endeavours to console herself for the absence of the Baronet. Her present favourite is a Capt. P—t—r, with whom she has been down at quarters at Deal, and whose fortune she has nobly contrived to dissipate and destroy, notwithstanding the affluence of her own independant income.

The person of Lady Gr-f—n—r

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has been rather a fine one ; but it is considerably impaired by abuses and debaucheries. Her face, which never was very handsome, is now much less so than formerly, as a constant application of corrosive paints and cosmetics have so contracted and excoriated the skin, that unless it be newly enamelled, it is impossible to look at it without nausea and disgust.

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IS the daughter of Sir Robert
H-fk-th, and married in 1771,
the Rev. Mr. B-ne, of C-rsh-tt-n,
in Surry, at that time in about
the 22d year of her age.

Her first affair of gallantry was
in the year 1774, with Colonel
E—g—ton ; immediately on the
discovery of which, a separation
from her husband took place. He

however allowed her a very genteel income, to which she not choosing to be confined, he found himself daily subject to innumerable demands on her account. On this occasion, he inserted an advertisement in the public papers, cautioning all tradesmen, &c. against giving her any further credit on his account.

He very soon after went over to Italy where he still lives with a native of that country of most surprising beauty, by whom he has several children.

Mrs.

Mrs. B-ne's intimacies have never been of a duration sufficiently long to give us reason to suspect that she is capable of either feeling or creating any thing like a sincere attachment. It is true she has had gallants in number sufficient to prove she is not utterly destitute of charms; but they have scarcely been enlisted and properly attested, before they have almost to a man deserted: and though we readily allow she has some merit in raising recruits, it is plain from their desertion that her duty is severe, her

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service disagreeable, or her climate unhealthy.

The person of Mrs. B-ne is rather tall; and might undoubtedly have some claims to the praise of elegance, if she had paid some small attention to the graces. But there is such a listless lounge in her manner, such an awkward inanimated helplessness in her every action, such a simpletonic simper accompanies her every word, together with such a contrasted alternation of stupid indifference and precipitate impatience, that were she in possession

session of all that perfection of beauty which an artist could wish for in an academical model, we apprehend she would be but little likely to inspire her beholders with either love, affection, or any other of the warmer sensations.

Mrs. B-ne has all the disagreeable circumstances that are the probable consequences of a very shallow understanding; and a mind inclined to extract importance to itself, from the adventitious origin of a titled father, while yet she derives no advantage from the boasted descent. She is imperious over
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her servants, contemptuous to her inferiors, overbearing with her equals, and insolent to her superiors. And, to the most insufferable vanity of her own person and beauty, she adds the most unextinguishable hatred for every woman who is handsomer, or in possession of more admirers than herself.

This Lady might live in some degree of comfort independant of her profession, if her avarice could allow her to do so, as she is in possession of not less than 300 pounds a-year which she receives from the
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joint contributions of her husband and her father: with this she however seems by no means satisfied; she therefore finds it her advantage to indulge with occasional liberties a pretty numerous list of temporary lovers, from whose subscriptions she makes no trifling yearly addition to her income. But the gallant who has for some time contributed most liberally, as well to her expenses in general, as to her housekeeping in particular, is the Right Honourable Lord C——, whose visits at No 11, Suffolk street, are

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IS the younger sister of Mrs. H-tt-n, of whom we have made former mention; she too received the same style of education, and, like her sister, early chose a theatrical profession. But though Mrs. H-tt-n's qualifications in that line were neither very numerous, nor brilliant, she has both in number and brilliancy very conspicuously the advantage of the Lady now in question.

Miss

Miss Am-r-fe is of a good height, perfectly free from every thing like deformity ; and her frequent exhibitions in breeches, must have convinced most of my Readers that her figure is what is generally called well-made. Yet still, though there are no positive faults, there are no attractive beauties. Her legs, it is true, are straight, and the ankle is small and free from clumsiness and fat ; but yet they want that voluptuous roundness, that nameless and undescribable something ; that power to excite a thousand strange emotions, which
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attack and thrill through the soul at sight of the lovely limbs of the angelic Mrs. R-b-nf-n. Her face, if it ever had any pretensions to beauty, has certainly none at present : her nose is preposterously large, and the extreme darkness of her complexion, joined to a very strongly marked set of features must ever militate against every thing even tending to the expression of either tenderness or feminality.

Miss Am-r-se is said to have been a pupil of Mr. Macklin's, a performer whose consequence in the theatrical world is well known : but whether it be owing to the incapacity

capacity of the scholar, or the instructor, certain it is, that the cause of Thalia is but little obliged to either in the present instance.

Abstracted from her profession, her merits are chiefly of a negative kind—She is not vulgar, nor unentertaining in conversation. She is not utterly ignorant of the French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Dutch, and English languages; nor utterly unprovided with a brogue. She is not unconnected with men of some fashion and consequence; nor unacquainted with several women who are both agreeable and handsome. She has nothing very objectionable as a platonic companion, and

and in an hour of fauntering listless don't-know-what-to-doishness is as likely to amuse as a woman of more refined sense, or greater beauty. She is not unfurnished with anecdotes of many remarkable characters, nor is she averse to communicate them. She has no particular detestation for a little scandal. She is not utterly destitute of invention, or the art of retailing truth.

Her personal intimacies we are apt to imagine have, of late years, been somewhat circumscribed; not that we mean to insinuate that she has any insurmountable objection to all such encounters; but somehow or other a strange taste seems

seems at present to prevail amongst the male part of the creation, which manifests itself in an unaccountable preference of youth, beauty, and other short-liv'd tinsel charms, to the more lasting and noble endowments of the mind; to the wisdom which is only to be found in an advanced maturity, and to the conversation of those who may treat of the subject of actual enjoyment without any danger of arousing inordinate desires, and whose antiprovokative persons and unagitated passions, are a perfect security against all indelicate or fornicative consequences.

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